

**WAUKESHA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 15, 2009
MINUTES**

Present:

Dennis Farrell – (WCHHS Board)
Diane Begos (MHC - CCS)
Lisa McLean (MHA)
Corrine Gresen (WMH)
Maura McMahon (Public Defender Office)
Michele Cusatis, Ph.D. (WCMHC)
Linda Cole (Friendships)
Mary Madden (NAMI)

Guests:

Rose Barton (WCS)
Joan Sternweis (MHC - DT)
Melissa Emberts (WCS)

Excused:

Troy Norman (Goodwill)
Andrew Barnhill
Sandra Hack (DHHS)
Marybeth Vander Male (HIL)
James Hanover (Div. of Voc. Rehab.)
Michael DeMares (WCDHHS)
Misty Barnhill (Friendships)
Colleen Gonzalez (WCTC)

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m. by Mary Madden.

Educational Segment: Community Options Program (COP)

Mary Madden introduced Rose Barton and Melissa Emberts, Assistant Program Directors of Wisconsin Community Services (WCS). Melissa Emberts reviewed the services provided under her direction at WCS, including Alcohol Treatment Court, which allows OWI offenders to participate in alcohol and other substance abuse treatment under strict judicial and community supervision. This program provides sentencing options to Waukesha County Judges, which hold offenders accountable. An Intake is done, which includes mental health questions and risk and needs assessment. Treatment updates are required. AODA counselors may recommend some type of mental health treatment, which they are not licensed to treat. WCS serves clients inside and outside of Waukesha County.

Rose Barton, Assistant Program Director of Pretrial Programs, stated the program includes Repeat Intoxicated Driver Program, the Driver License Reinstatement Program and a Pretrial Program for any offender charged with something other than drunk driving or operating after revocation. The programs are designed to reduce chances of failure to appear in court and engaging in pretrial misconduct. The programs utilize referrals for mental health, AODA when appropriate, anger management, etc. when needed.

Dennis Farrell commented on the Alcohol Court doing extremely well and that the County Board of Supervisors is very interested in this program. Discussion followed.

Review and Approval of May 2009 Minutes

The minutes were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as published. The minutes were approved as published.

Board Liaison Report

Dennis Farrell reported Unmet Needs has had an opinion formulated and given to the County Executive, who is now in the process of reviewing this with the Department of Administration. The County Executive will return a proposed budget, which will be reviewed again by the HHS Board on July 22 and 23rd, (and 24th if needed). Meetings are open to the public. Watch for specific departmental review on the agenda.

Legislative report

The last Board of Supervisor's meeting was May 28th. The State budget will impact the County budget severely. Individuals who are moved to Mendota or Winnebago, will cost the County about \$500,000 this year.

Sub-Committee Reports

CCS Coordinating Committee

Diane Begos stated consumers are being asked to complete the Recovery Oriented System Indicators (ROSI) consumer survey. The State is encouraging more information on person-centered planning, treatment, and implementation into services. Discussion followed. There are 24 counties in WI who now provide CCS services and many others pending.

Old Business –

There was no additional information for Unmet Needs.

New Business –

Joan Sternweis noted the August agenda includes discussion about membership and consumer recruitment. To be a COP Committee, there will need to be at least 3-5 consumers participating on the committee. Discussion followed on members concern for their role on the committee. Dennis Farrell suggested it would be helpful to have time to give a total explanation of the roles of each committee once or twice a year and this should be on the agenda. The committee approved Joan S. following through with contacting current COP recipients to inquire if they would be interested in joining the MHAC. Joan will report back to the MHAC in August.

Other

August Agenda Items:

1. Membership Drive – Joan Sternweis
2. COP/MHAC client participation – Joan Sternweis
3. Review of Bylaws is pending Mike DeMares approval. The Bylaws were requested to be sent to all committee members. Dr. Michele Cusatis will contact Mike DeMares.

There was no other business. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

There will not be a July meeting. The next meeting will be August 17, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Sylvester
Recorder

Minutes were approved *Dan G. Neuman* Date *September 21, 2009*

Cc: Harlow Bielefeldt, Chair, AODA
James Pearson, Chair of CAFSAC
Sue Konkel, Chair, Public Health
County Clerk, Waukesha County